

FIG.1

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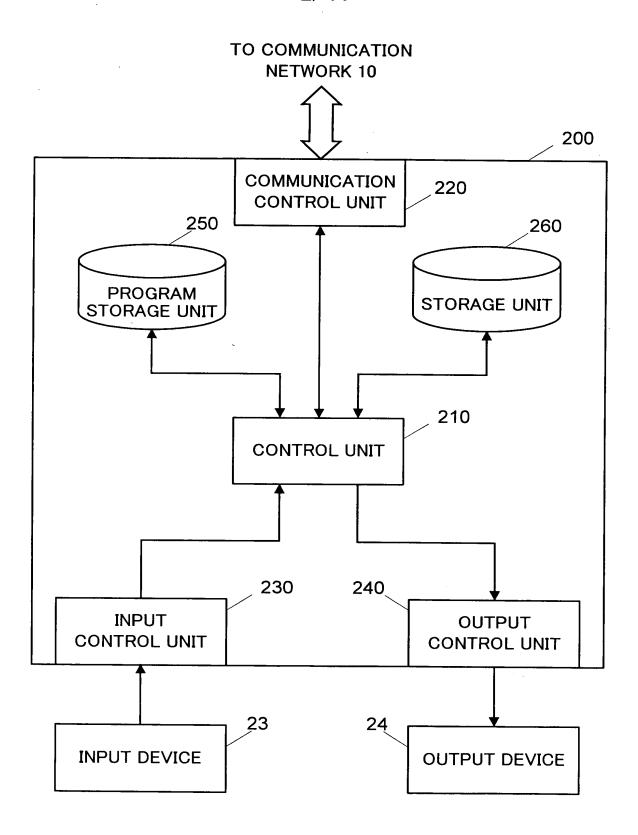
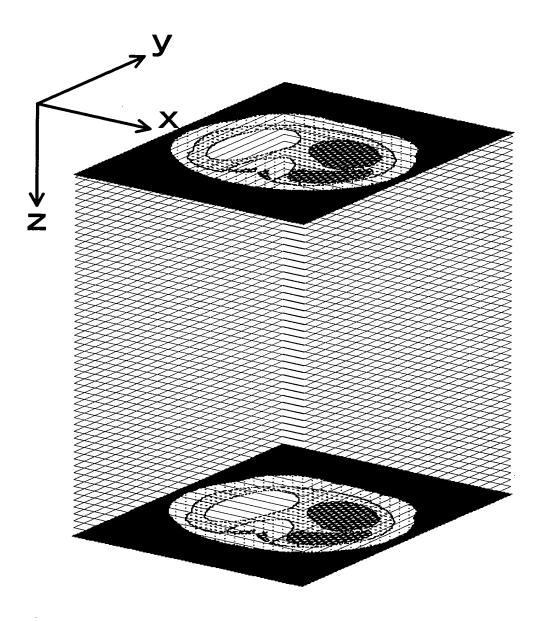


FIG.2



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FIG.3

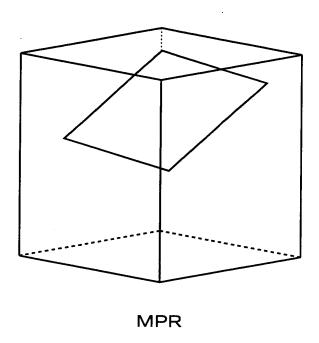


FIG.4A

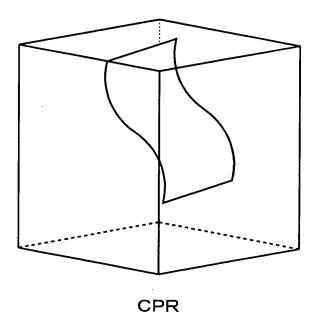


FIG.4B

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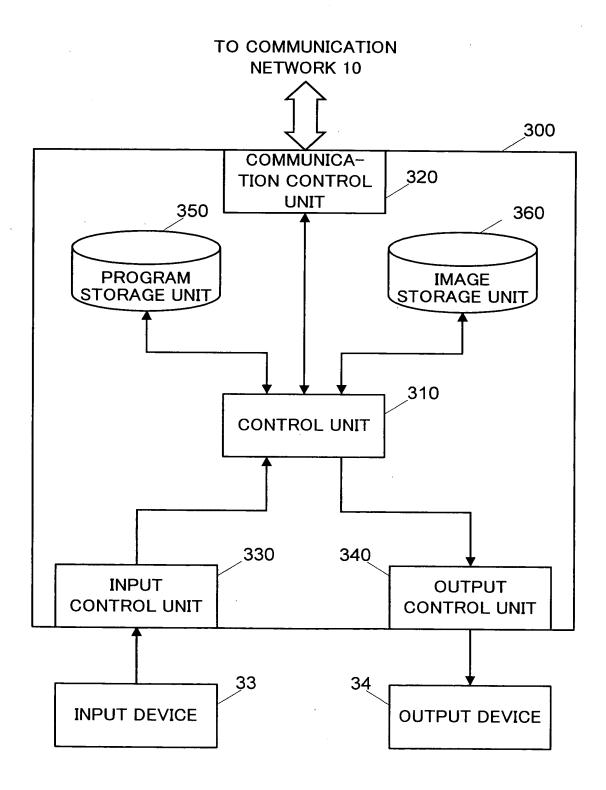


FIG.5

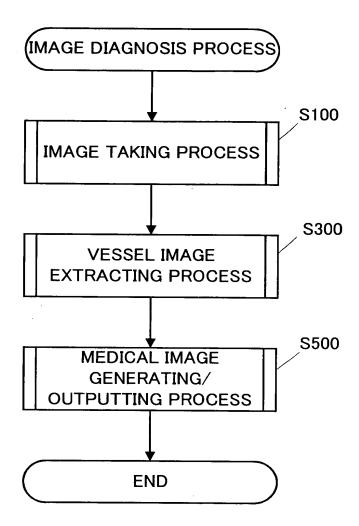


FIG.6

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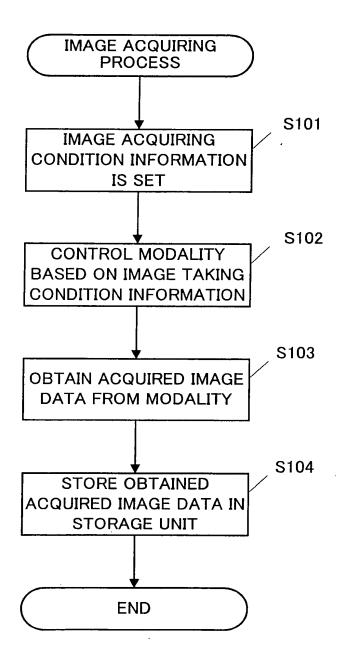


FIG.7

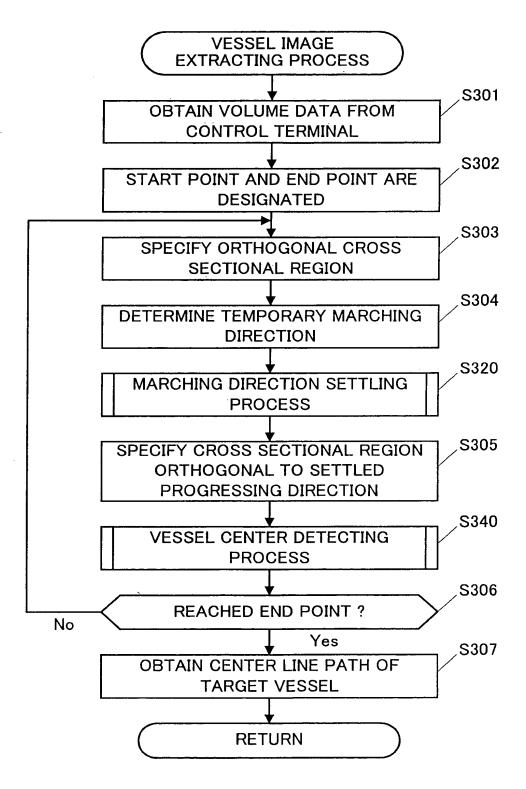


FIG.8

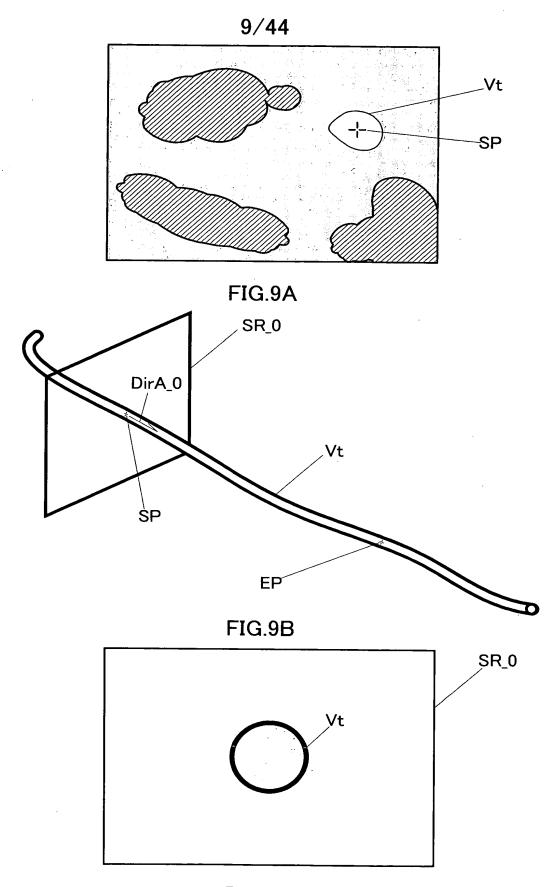


FIG.9C



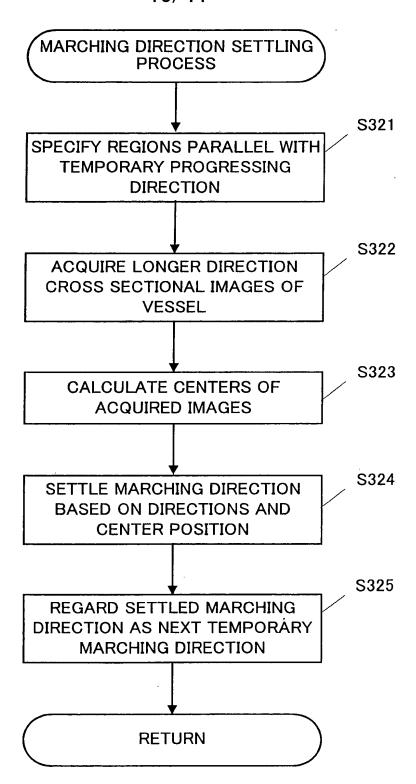


FIG.10

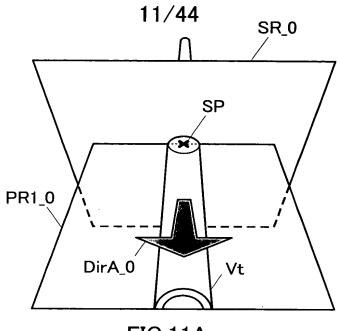


FIG.11A

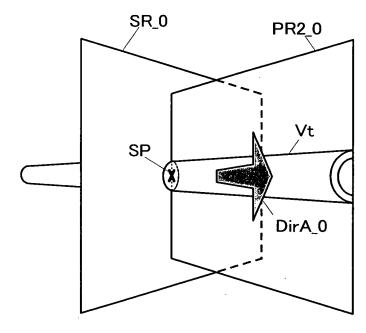


FIG.11B

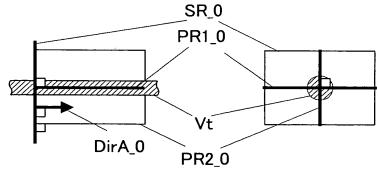


FIG.11C

FIG.11D

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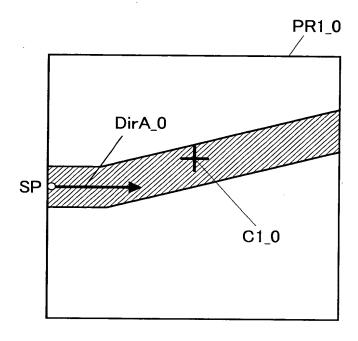


FIG.12A

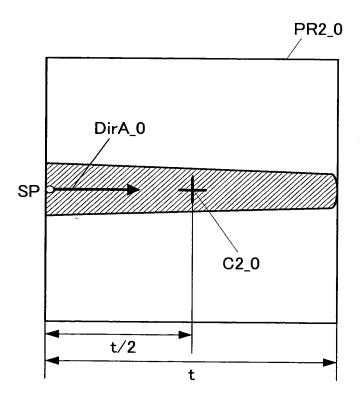


FIG.12B

MARCHING (ADVANCING, PROGRESSING) DIRECTION SETTLING FORMULAE

- n 1 : UNIT VECTOR PARALLEL TO TEMPORARY MARCHING DIRECTION DIRA
- n 2 : UNIT VECTOR PERPENDICULAR TO REGION PR1
- n 3: UNIT VECTOR PERPENDICULAR TO REGION PR2
- v 2 : POSITION VECTOR OF CENTER POSITION ON REGION PR1
- v 3 : POSITION VECTOR OF CENTER POSITION ON REGION PR2

IN CASE OF v2 - n1>v3 - n1

VECTOR TO NEXT POSITION = $v2' \cdot n1*n1+v2' \cdot n3*n3+v3 \cdot n2*n2$ WHERE $v2' = v3 \cdot n1/v2 \cdot n1*v2$

IN CASE OF v2 - n1 ≤ v3 - n1

VECTOR TO NEXT POSITION = $v2 \cdot n1*n1 + v2 \cdot n3*n3 + v3' \cdot n2*n2$ WHERE $v3' = v2 \cdot n1/v3 \cdot n1*v3$

- REPRESENTS INNER PRODUCT OF VECTORS
- * REPRESENTS OUTER PRODUCT OF VECTORS

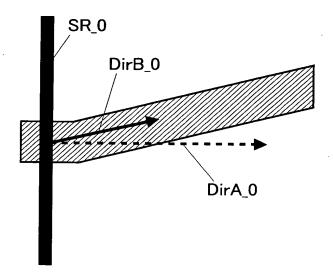


FIG.14A

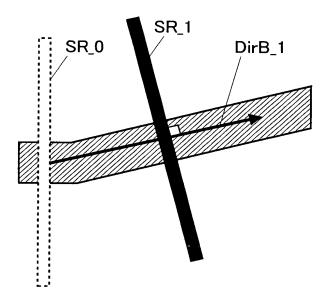
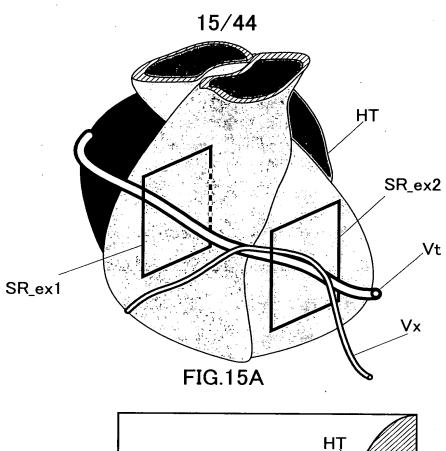


FIG.14B



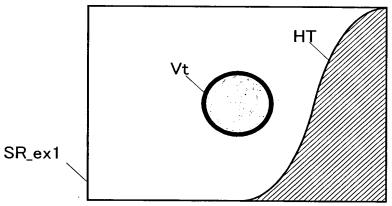


FIG.15B

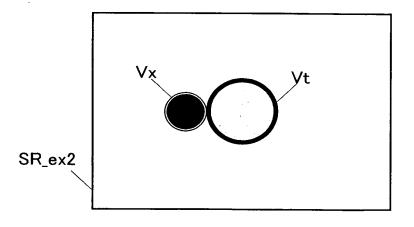


FIG.15C

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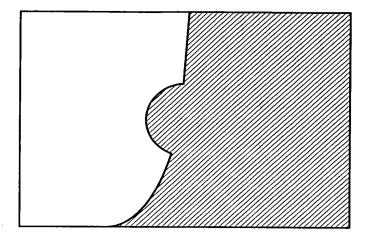


FIG.16A

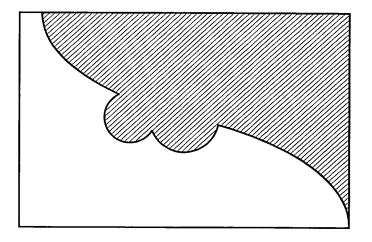


FIG.16B



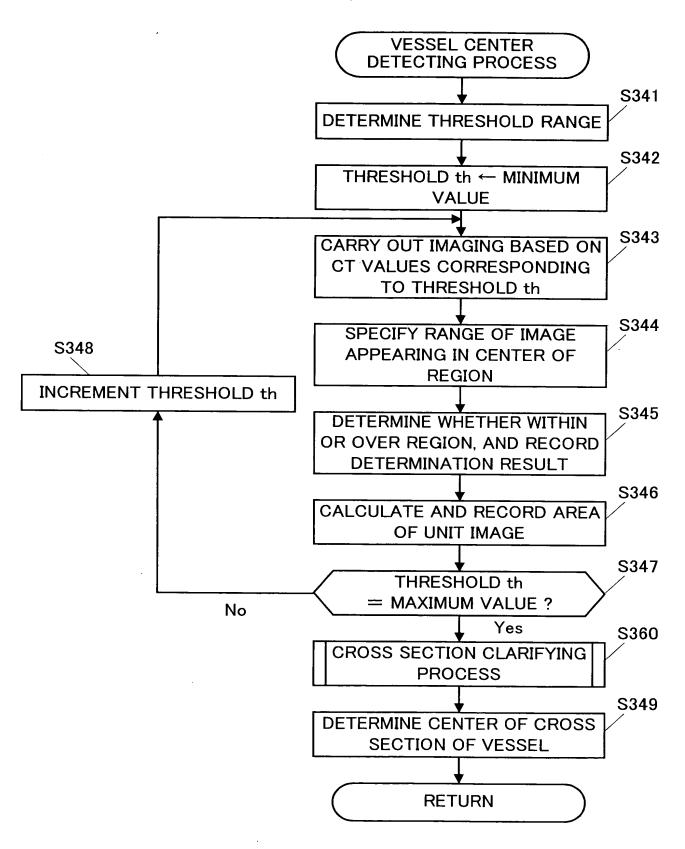


FIG.17

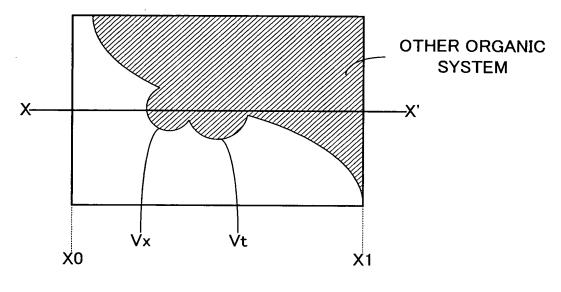
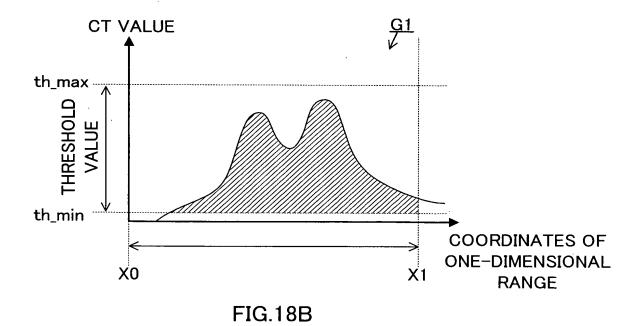


FIG.18A



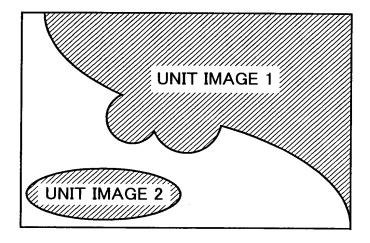


FIG.19A

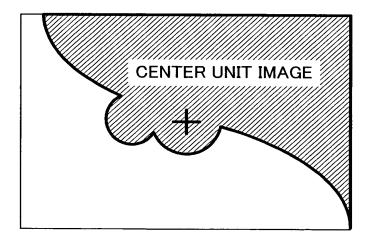


FIG.19B

THRESHOLD ATTRIBUTE TABLE

THRESHOLD	WITHIN REGION?	AREA VALUE
th_min	NO	1000
th_min+1	NO	900
th_min+2	NO	800
th_min+3	NO	700
:	•	:
th_max-3	YES	30
th_max-2	YES	20
th_max-1	YES	10
th_max	YES	0

FIG.20

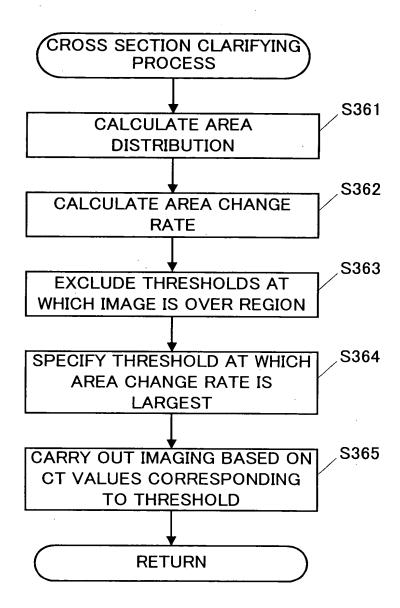


FIG.21

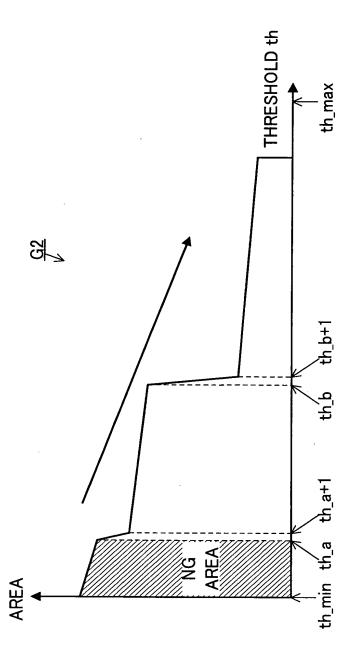


FIG.22

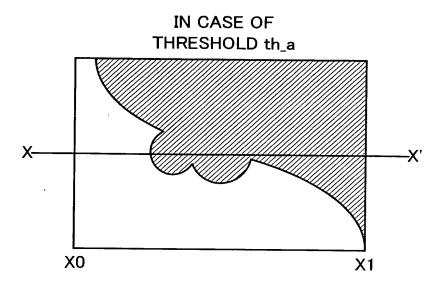


FIG.23A

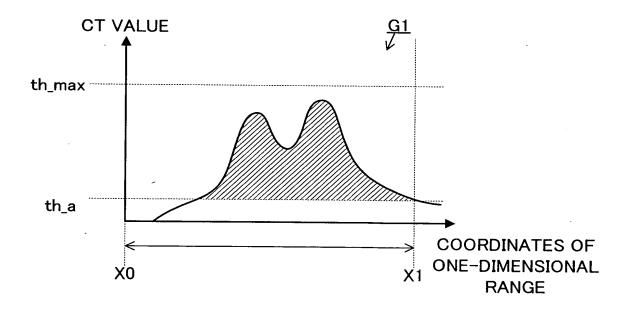


FIG.23B

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IN CASE OF THRESHOLD th_a+1

FIG.24A

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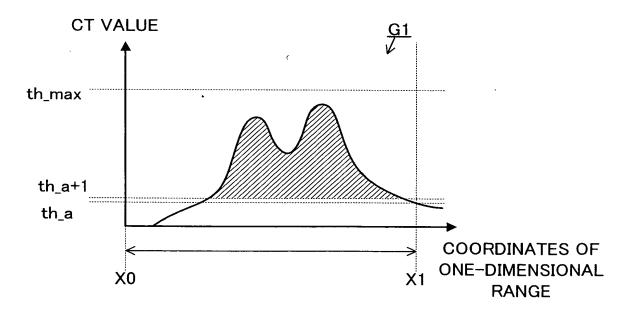


FIG.24B

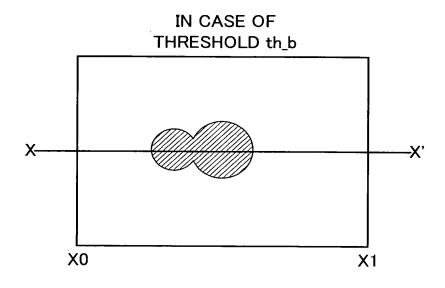


FIG.25A

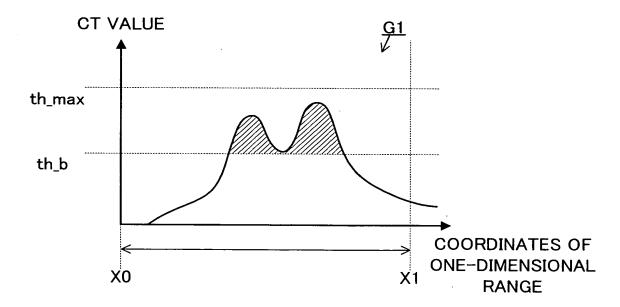


FIG.25B

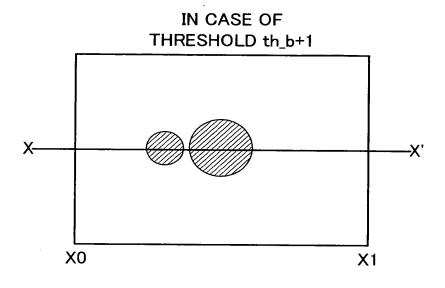


FIG.26A

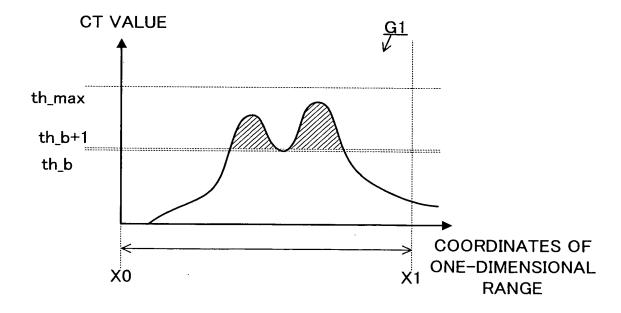


FIG.26B

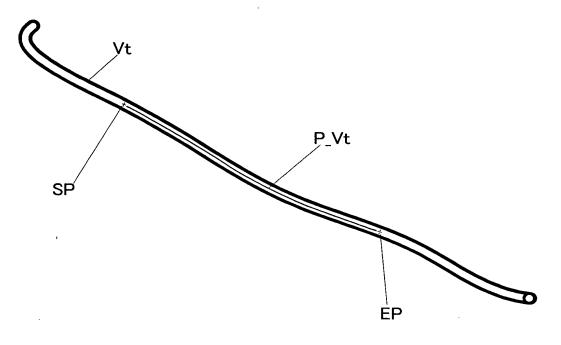


FIG.27

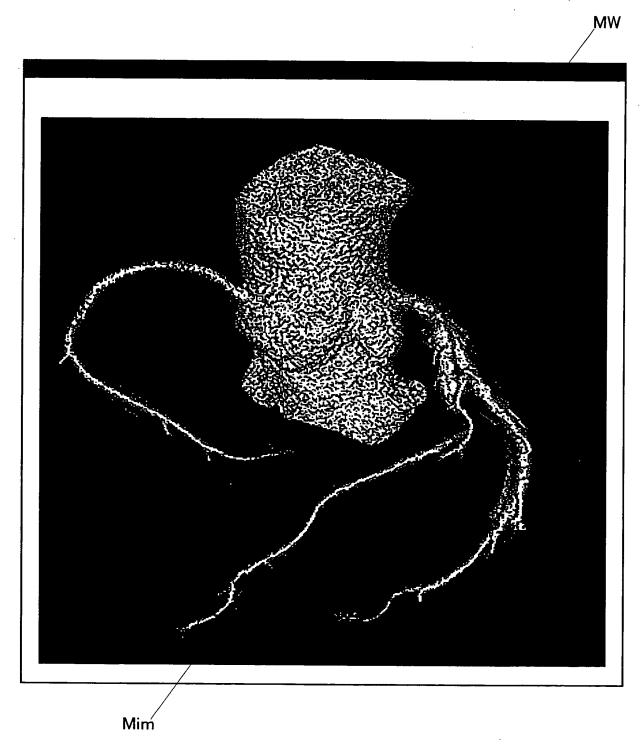


FIG.28

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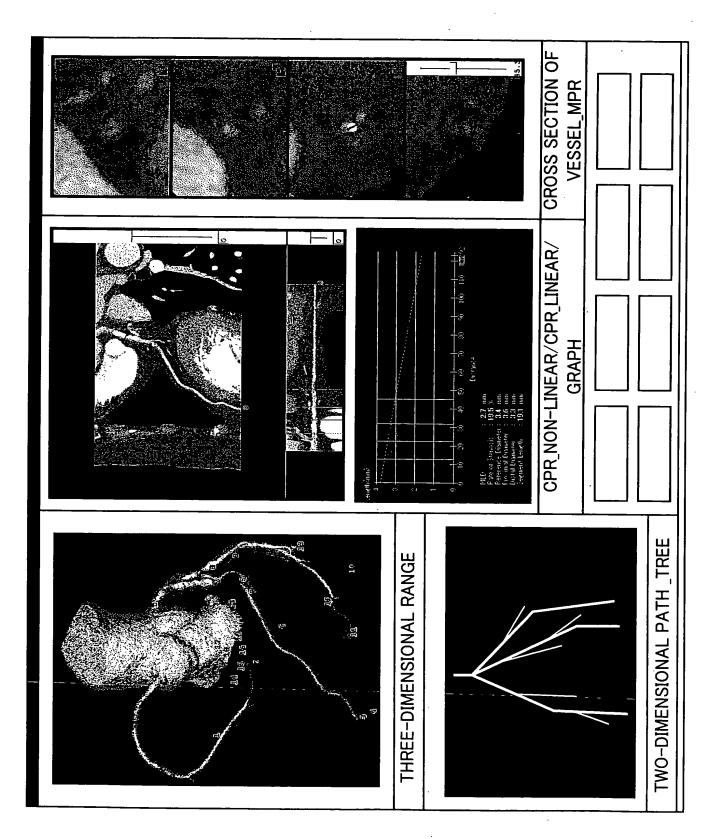


FIG.29 BEST AVAILABLE COPY

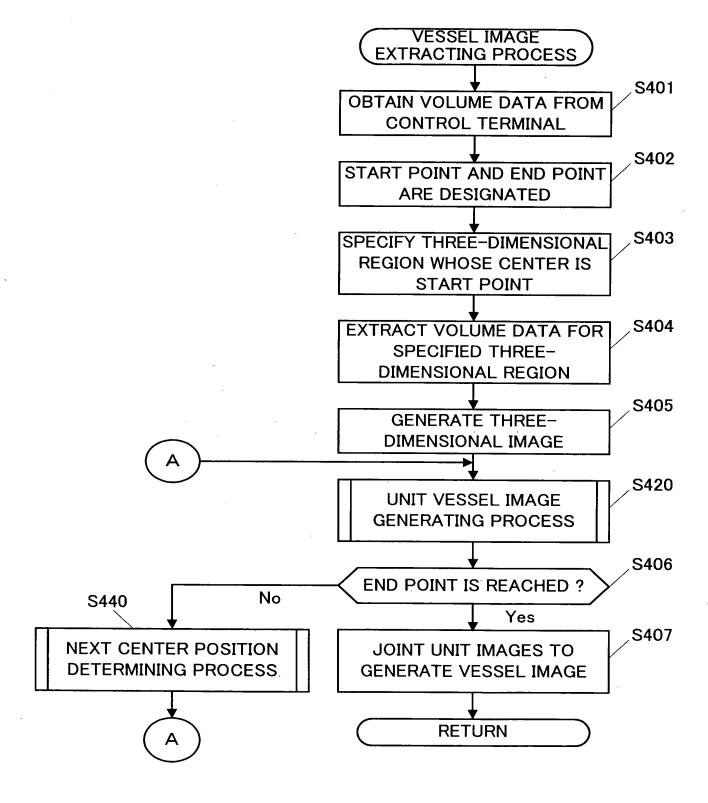


FIG.30

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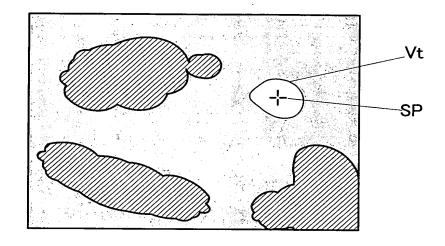


FIG.31A

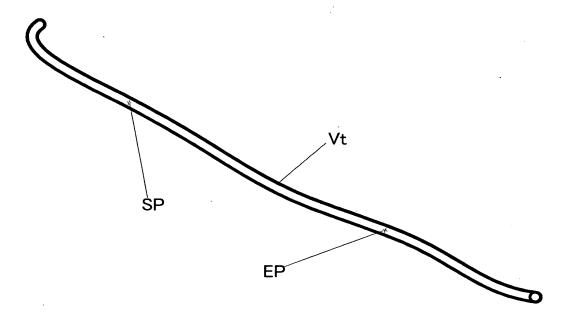


FIG.31B

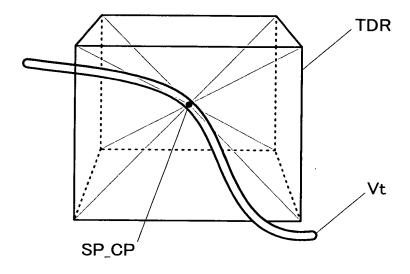


FIG.32A

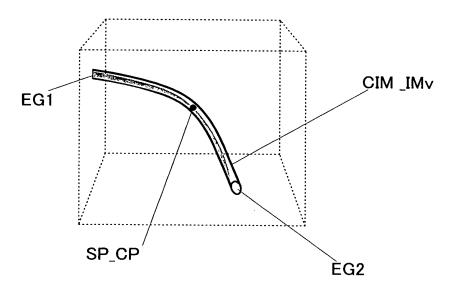


FIG.32B

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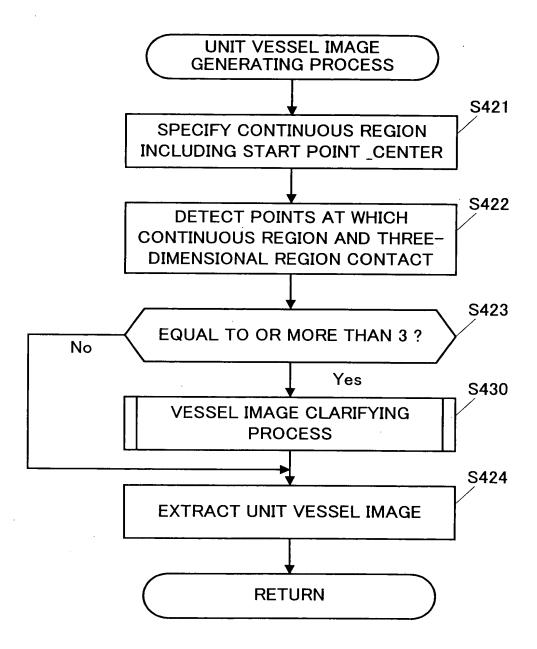


FIG.33

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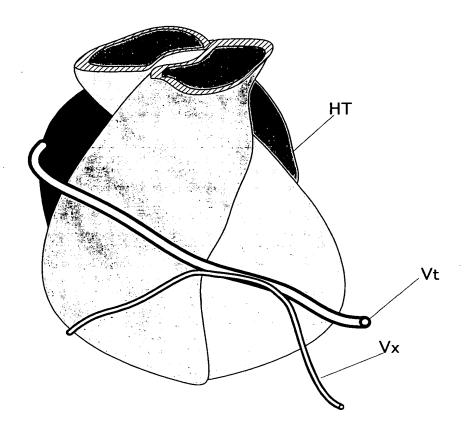


FIG.34

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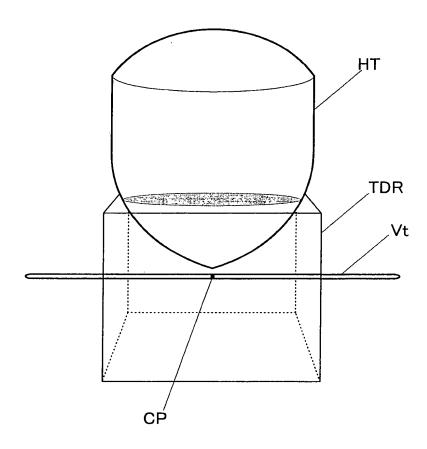


FIG.35A

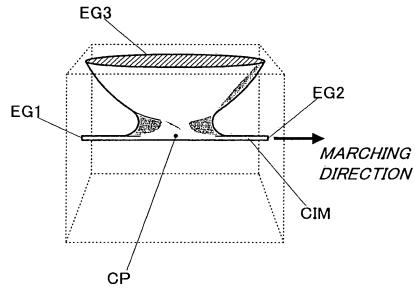


FIG.35B

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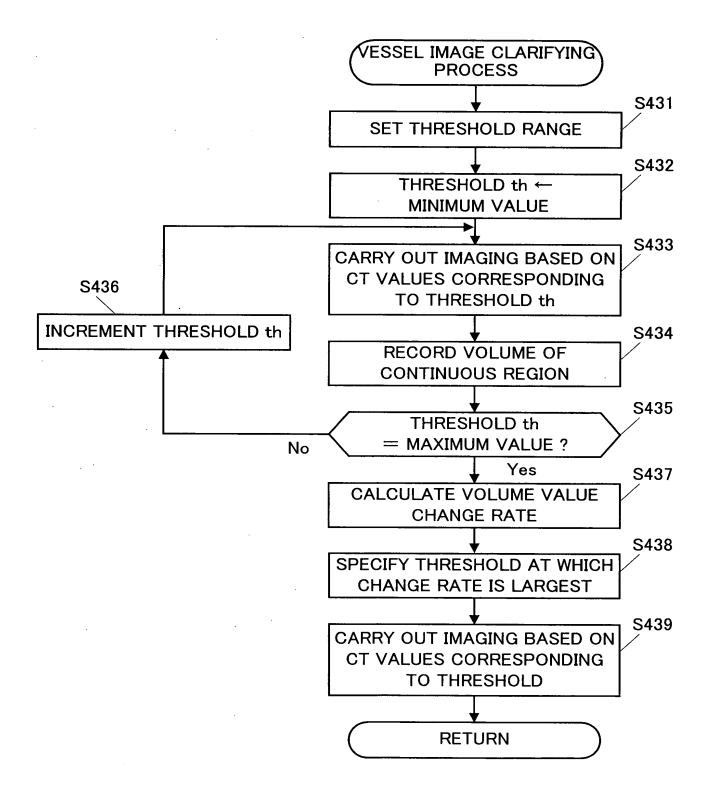


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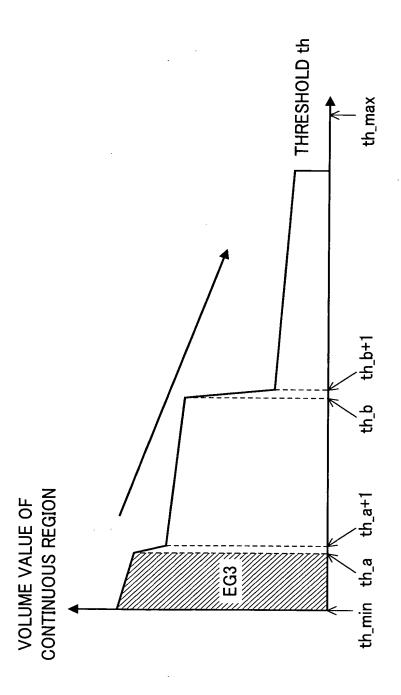


FIG.37

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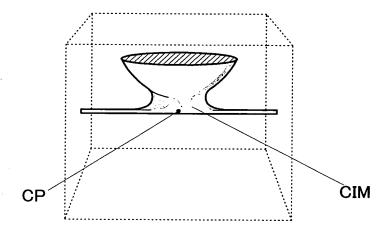


FIG.38A

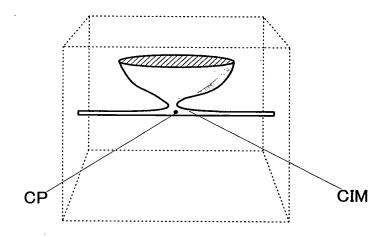


FIG.38B

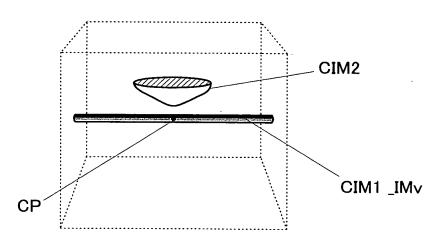


FIG.38C

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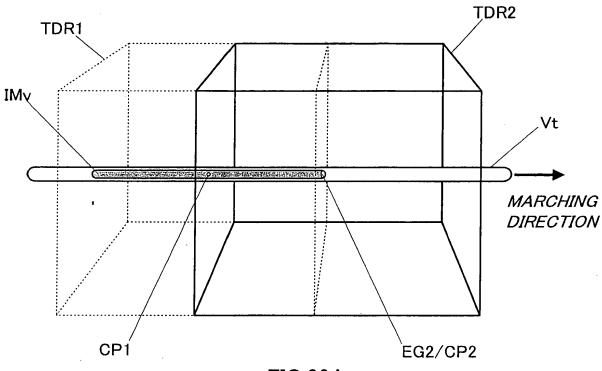


FIG.39A

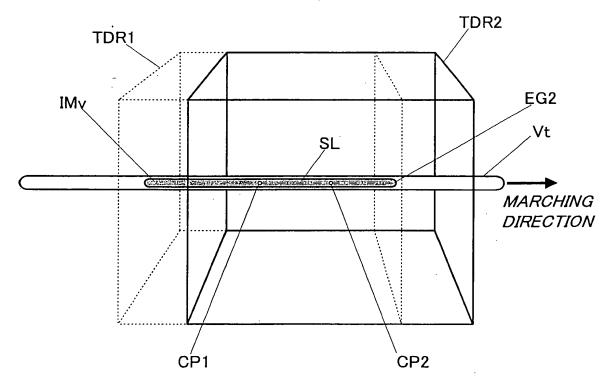


FIG.39B

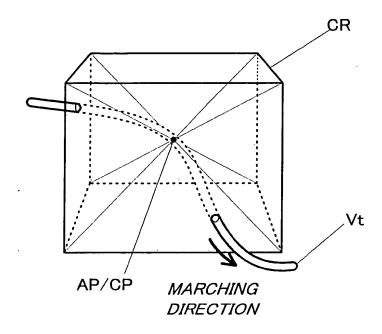


FIG.40A

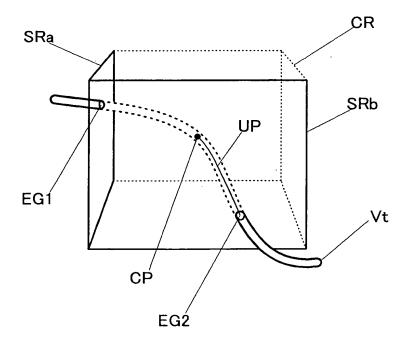


FIG.40B

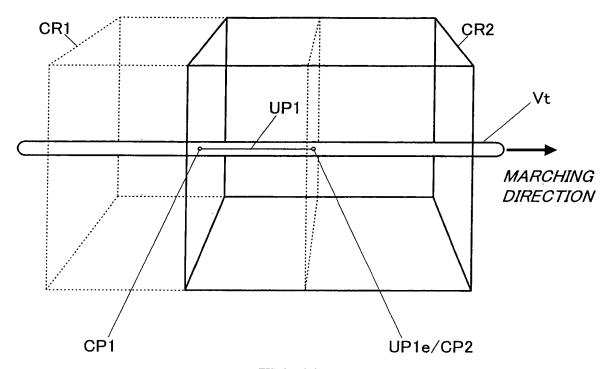


FIG.41A

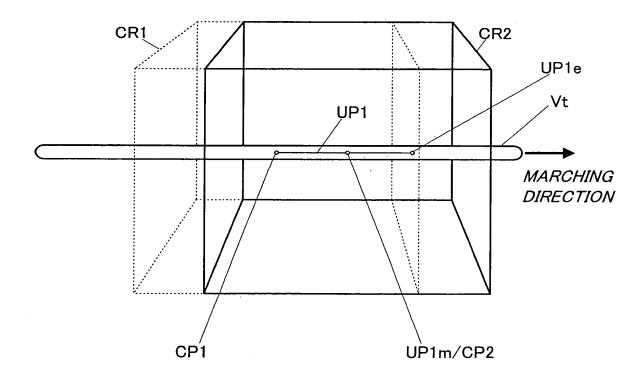


FIG.41B

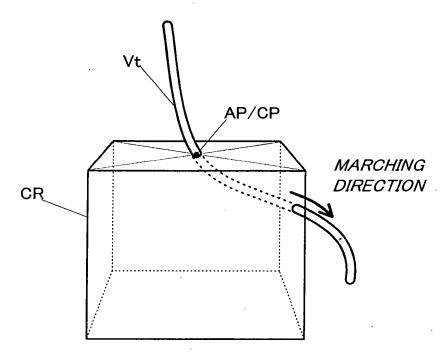


FIG.42A

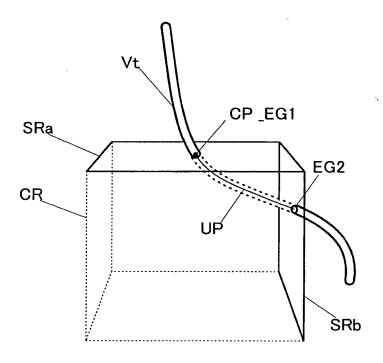


FIG.42B

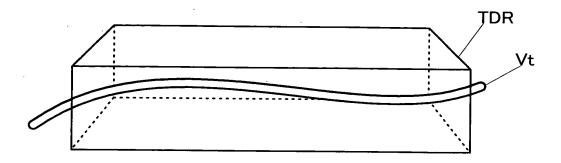


FIG.43A

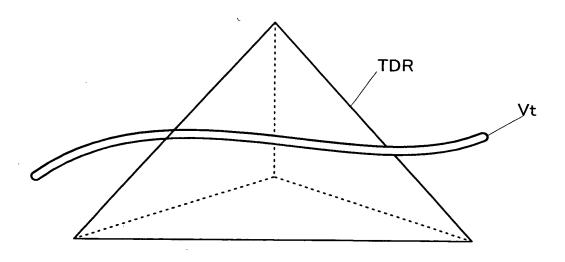


FIG.43B

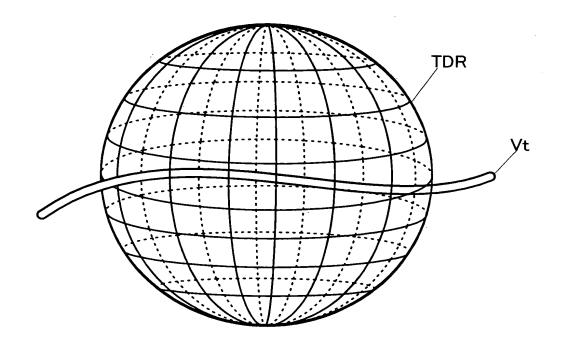


FIG.44A

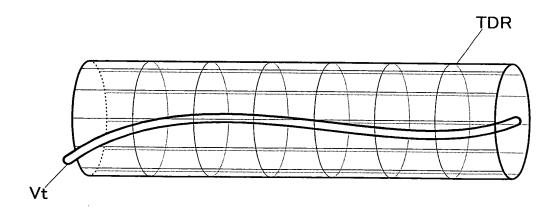


FIG.44B